

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are amended as follows:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (new) Method for notifying a user's transmission and service costs of using telecommunication systems for communication connections, packet-oriented data transmission and for Internet and online data, wherein

a service provider determines fee information on the total costs incurred during a continued connection, either in real time during, or after, a connection, by using access to the fee databases of the service provider and other service agencies involved, the other service agencies comprising service and content suppliers and telecommunication and transmission systems, and transmits the fee information, on request or automatically, to the terminal of the user; and

access by the service provider to the fee databases of the service agencies involved is carried out automatically by direct transmission of the portion of the costs by the service agencies involved or as a response to a specific inquiry by the user at the start of the connection.

17. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein fee data management is carried out in the fee databases and all user-specific and service-specific fee terms and user-specific contract data are stored.

18. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the service provider automatically accesses the corresponding data records in the fee databases of the service agencies involved.

19. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the percentages of costs incurred are updated by the service agencies involved.

20. (new) The method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the percentages of costs incurred are updated automatically.

21. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein data access to the databases and the data transmitted are protected against misuse.

22. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the user has the option of configuring the type and scope of the delivery of the fee information to be transferred by the service provider to the user's terminal.

23. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the service provider automatically transmits an updated status to the user whenever a fee is updated.

24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the fee data is held in a file that is available for viewing by the user in the service provider database.

25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the fee information is prepared for display to the user on the user's terminal in different display formats, the formats comprising at least one less detailed display and one more detailed display.

26. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein a software part which works directly with the service provider's database is provided within the access or browser software at the user's terminal.

27. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, whereby the user can use additional menu items at the terminal to request usage of services and/or transmissions at a later point in time at which more economical usage occurs, whereby automatic activation of the service and/or transmission occurs by automatic activation by the terminal or by the service provider.

28. (new) A method of notifying a user's transmission and service costs of using telecommunication systems for communications connections, packet-oriented data transmission and for Internet and online data, wherein the service provider determines fee information on the total costs incurred during a continued connection, either in real time during, or after, a connection by using access to the fee databases of the service provider and other service agencies involved, the other service agencies comprising service and content suppliers and telecommunication and transmission systems, and transmits the fee information, on request or automatically, to the terminal of the user, and the service provider transmits a forecast of cost for upcoming cost-intensive service or transmission offerings in response to a cost inquiry on the part of the user, the service provider determining the estimated service and/or transmission costs involved in cooperation with the connected service agencies.

29. (new) A method of notifying a user's transmission and service costs of using telecommunication systems for communication connections, packet-oriented data transmission

and for Internet and online data, wherein the service provider determines fee information on the total costs incurred during a continued connection, either in real time during, or after, a connection by using access to the fee databases of the service provider and other service agencies involved, the service agencies comprising service and content suppliers and telecommunication and transmission systems, and transmits the fee data, on request or automatically, to the terminal of the user, and the user can initiate an immediate transmission of the data offered by a remote Internet service provider to the service provider, whereby the data transmission of the data involved between service provider and terminal occurs at a later time.